

Apparent Consumption of Automobiles.—The apparent consumption of automobiles in Canada in any year may be computed by deducting the number exported from the sum of the production and imports. Statistics regarding retail sales and the financing of motor-vehicle sales in Canada are given in Chapter XXI of this volume.

4.—Apparent Supply of New Automobiles, 1939-48

Year	Cars Made for Sale in Canada		Imports ¹		Re-exports of Imported Cars		Apparent Supply ²	
	Passenger	Commercial	Passenger	Commercial	Passenger	Commercial	Passenger	Commercial
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1939.....	75,145	24,058	16,585	1,699	207	13	91,523	25,744
1940.....	94,633	53,169	15,386	1,633	145	10	109,874	54,792
1941.....	81,943	76,627	2,672	1,036	26	—	84,589	77,663
1942.....	8,596	93,903	327	718	9	2	8,914	94,619
1943.....	—	79,290	21	795	1	163	20	79,922
1944.....	—	66,013	35	3,249	5	33	30	69,229
1945.....	1,866	47,459	236	1,855	3	19	2,099	49,295
1946.....	63,501	41,318	18,642	3,600	6	72	82,137	44,846
1947.....	128,243	63,152	35,570	7,293	26	4	163,787	70,441
1948.....	135,316	73,582	17,057	3,575	17	4	152,336	77,153

¹ Does not include repatriated Armed Forces vehicles.
sold to public.

² Does not include military vehicles

Finances of Road Transportation.—The cost of road transportation to the people of Canada may be summarized under the following headings: expenditures on roads and highways; expenditures of individuals and corporations on owned motor-vehicles; expenditures for freight and passenger services rendered by motor-vehicle public carriers such as taxi, bus and motor-transport companies; and expenditures on garages, service stations, etc. Since expenditures on roads and highways are made almost entirely by governmental bodies, fairly complete statistics are available regarding them but, owing to the tremendous number of individuals and organizations that would have to be canvassed and the difficulties involved, complete statistics are not available under the other headings. Sales of gasoline are given at p. 762 and revenues of motor-carriers at p. 759.

Expenditures on Roads and Highways.—Roads in Canada, except in the Territories and the National Parks are under the jurisdiction of provincial and municipal authorities.

Provincial and municipal expenditures were sharply curtailed during the war years and a considerable backlog of essential repair, improvement and expansion work was accumulated. In 1946 approximately \$144,470,000 was expended on construction, maintenance and general expenditures for roads and bridges and in 1947 and 1948 outlays were much larger. Unit costs per mile of new construction increased greatly over pre-war levels and had a restrictive effect on the planned expansion of first class roads. However, the improvement and completion of the Trans-Canada Highway as a main artery of interprovincial travel will shortly be proceeded with as a joint responsibility of federal and provincial authorities.